

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8731–S8756*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1745–1749, and S. Res. 262. **Pages S8741–42**

**Measures Passed:**

***National Security Foreign Investment Reform and Strengthened Transparency Act:*** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 556, to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 1610, Senate companion measure, as amended, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Dodd/Shelby) Amendment No. 2002, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8755**

Subsequently, S. 1610 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S8755**

***Department of State Crisis Response Act:*** Senate passed S. 966, to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8755–56**

***National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement:*** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, July 9, 2007, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel. **Page S8756**

***Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement:*** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the

Senate, the President of the Senate Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S8756**

***Authority for Committees—Agreement:*** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, Senate committees were authorized to file legislative and executive calendar business on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. **Page S8756**

***Nominations Confirmed:*** On Thursday, June 28, 2007, Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 237), Benjamin Hale Settle, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 238), Richard Sullivan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

Michael W. Tankersley, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2010.

Richard Allan Hill, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring June 10, 2009.

Howard Charles Weizmann, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

Patrick Dennis Duddy, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

William R. Brownfield, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

John L. Withers II, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

Charles Lewis English, of New York, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Robert B. Nolan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Cameron Munter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia.

Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru.

Frederick B. Cook, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

Joseph Adam Erel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Richard Boyce Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Stephen A. Seche, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen.

Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Nepal.

Maurice S. Parker, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

June Carter Perry, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Stan Z. Soloway, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2011.

James Palmer, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2011.

Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

J. Christian Kennedy, of Indiana, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues.

Roderick W. Moore, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Montenegro.

William John Garvelink, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Wanda L. Nesbitt, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire.

66 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

By 94 yeas 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 236), Lt. Gen. Douglas E. Lute U.S. Army.

49 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

35 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

**Nominations Received:** On Thursday, June 28, 2007, Senate received the following nominations:

Donald B. Marron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Brent T. Wahlquist, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Christopher Egan, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Reed Verne Hillman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term expiring July 29, 2012.

Paul J. Hutter, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Navy.

**Nominations Withdrawn:** On Thursday, June 28, 2007, Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 29, 2012, which was sent to the Senate on March 12, 2007.

**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 179, at 12:51 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8756.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 179.

## *Committee Meetings*

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND VISITING SCHOLARS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness of the Committee on Education and Labor held a joint hearing on International Students and Visiting Scholars: Trends, Barriers, and Implications for American Universities and U.S. Foreign Policy. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Farrell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Academic Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State; James Manning, Acting Assistant Secretary, Postsecondary Education, Department of Education; George Scott,

Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

### VETERANS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1315, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide specially adaptive housing assistance to certain disabled members of the Armed Forces residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member; H.R. 1750, amended, To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend from 90 days to 1 year the period after release of a member of the Armed Forces from active duty during which the member is protected from mortgage foreclosure under that Act; H.R. 1240, amended, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility; and H.R. 1632, amended, Improving Veterans' Reemployment Act of 2007.